



**CDSS**  
CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES

## PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES

### ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR II

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL FOR:  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

POSITIONS EXIST	<b>Sacramento</b>
WHO SHOULD APPLY	<b>Competition limited to State Employees only.</b> Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Department listed above as of the final filing date, in order to take this examination. <b>(See General Information for exceptions to this requirement.)</b>
HOW TO APPLY	Applications (STD 678) are available and may be filed in person with the California Department of Social Services, Personnel Bureau, Examination Unit, 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or mailed to California Department of Social Services, Personnel Bureau, Examination Unit, P.O. Box 944243, Sacramento, CA 94244-2430. Applications submitted with no examination title will not be accepted and will be returned. <b>DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.</b>
APPLICATION DEADLINE	<b>FINAL FILING DATE: MAY 30, 2006</b> Applications (STD 678) must be <b>P O S T M A R K E D</b> no later than the final filing date. <b>Applications postmarked, personally delivered or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will <u>not</u> be accepted for any reason.</b>
SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS	If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application". You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.
REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION	<b>NOTE:</b> Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.
SALARY RANGE	<b>\$5211 - \$6286</b>
QUALIFICATION APPRAISAL INTERVIEW	It is anticipated that interviews will be held during July/August 2006. Ordinarily, these are scheduled in Sacramento. However, locations of interviews may be changed as conditions warrant.

S E E R E V E R S E S I D E F O R A D D I T I O N A L I N F O R M A T I O N

**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Department listed. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

**REQUIREMENTS  
FOR ADMITTANCE  
TO THE  
EXAMINATION**

**NOTE:** All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date. It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the minimum qualifications. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, or II, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

**MINIMUM  
QUALIFICATIONS****Either I**

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting class equivalent in level to Accounting Administrator I (Specialist) or Accounting Administrator I(Supervisor).

**Or II**

**Experience:** Five years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience. For at least one year, this responsibility must have been at a level equivalent to supervising a staff in the operation of a complex accounting system. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accounting Administrator I (Specialist) or Accounting Administrator I (Supervisor)] (Experience in the California state service may be applied toward the total experience requirement on a proportional basis.)  
**and**

**Education:****Either:**

1. Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting;
- Or**
2. Completion of the equivalent of 45 semester units given by a collegiate-grade residence or correspondence institution, of which 24 units must include courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, intermediate/advanced accounting, fund/governmental accounting; cost accounting, auditing, business law, computer applications/management information systems. (Persons who will complete course work requirements during the current quarter or semester will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

**POSITION  
DESCRIPTION**

The Accounting Administrator II is the full supervisory level in the series where the majority of the time is spent on administrative and supervisory activities. Positions at this level supervise a group of professional or analytical and semiprofessional accounting staff performing accounting and other fiscal related work or direct a variety of specialized or central control fiscal activities, typically through subordinate supervisors at the Accounting Administrator I (Supervisor) level.

**EXAMINATION  
INFORMATION**

This examination will consist of a Qualification Appraisal Interview. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview. **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

EXAMINATION  
INFORMATION  
(CONTINUED)

## SCOPE:

## A. Knowledge of:

1. Accounting principles and procedures.
2. Governmental accounting and budgeting.
3. The uniform accounting system and financial organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws, rules, and regulations.
4. Principles of business management, including office methods and procedures.
5. Principles of public finance.
6. Business law.
7. Principles and techniques of personnel management and supervision.
8. Planning, organizing and directing the work of others.
9. The department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.
10. A manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity program and the processes available to meet the Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

## B. Ability to:

1. Apply accounting principles and procedures.
2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions.
3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
4. Prepare clear, complete, and concise reports.
5. Make sound decisions and recommendations in regard to the professional accounting problems in maintaining control of a departmental budget.
6. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
7. Communicate effectively.
8. Effectively contribute to the department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

SPECIAL  
PERSONAL  
CHARACTERISTIC

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Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.

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ADDITIONAL  
DESIRABLE  
QUALIFICATIONS

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Preferred additional education includes courses in statistics, business finance, mathematics, college composition, speech/oral communications and/or business composition.

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VETERANS  
PREFERENCE

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Veterans preference will not be granted in this examination.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II:** The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is committed to a strong policy of equal employment opportunity. To this end, CDSS does not discriminate against or exclude any person from participating in the employment process, advancement, benefits of employment, or in the admission and access to programs or activities administered by CDSS on the basis of: race; color; national origin; ancestry; religion; creed; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; pregnancy; age; veteran status; political affiliation; or disability (including AIDS) as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities will be made available upon request.

**It is the candidate's responsibility** to contact the California Department of Social Services three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

**For an examination** without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Department of Social Services, Personnel Bureau, at (916) 657-1762 or CALNET 437-1762 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

**If a candidate's notice** of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on the bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in this examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The California Department of Social Services and the State Personnel Board** reserve the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, Oakland, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**Promotional Examinations Only:** Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees (*i.e., former Department employees or current employees on TAU, T&D, and LT status*) may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2 and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at State Personnel Board offices.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Criminal Record Clearance Information:** Some positions, within various divisions of the California Department of Social Services, are subject to fingerprinting and criminal records check requirements. This check will be completed by the Department of Justice. Applicants will be notified during the hiring process if the position is affected by the criminal records clearance procedure. Criminal record clearance is a condition of employment in positions affected by this procedure.

**Interview Scope:** If an optional oral presentation is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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